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INTEGRAL AND SPHERICAL-HARMONIC ANALYSES OF THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD FOR 1955.0

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PREFACE

This Memorandum is part of a continuing theoretical study of the geomagnetic field. The results should aid the development of representations of the geomagnetic field in space, and are directly applicable to both geophysical problems involving scalar and vector potential fields, and to the design of conjugate point experiments. The work was supported by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration under Contract NASr-21(05).

ABSTRACT

The geomagnetic field is analyzed by spherical harmonics and by integrals. Series representations in spherical harmonics of geomagnetic field charts are compared for truncation of the series at the 6, 8, 10, and 12 terms of degree. Scalings are at a uniformly spaced latitude-longitude grid from both U.S. and U.S.S.R. isomagnetic charts for 1955.0. A numerical integration method for analyzing the field is developed from Poisson's integral. A new surface grid, suitable for use with integral analysis, is described. This grid is based on subdivisions of a spherical icosahedron, and its points are almost uniformly spaced over a sphere. This integration method is applied to calculations of field values, field lines, and conjugate points. The results are compared with those of earlier spherical-harmonic analyses by Vestine and Sibley. A comparison is also made between those conjugate points calculated by spherical harmonics from different sets of coefficients derived from various sets of isomagnetic charts. Some minor but undesirable effects are mentioned that arise because of the uniform angular spacing of data points scaled from charts. The variation of the earth's magnetic moment and the location of the dipole axis since 1835 is described and discussed. Finally, an extrapolation of the geomagnetic field into the earth's interior is described.

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II. SPHERICAL HARMONICS

Spherical harmonic analyses of the geomagnetic field usually represent the geomagnetic surface potential over a spherical earth (whose radius equals a) in this form:

$$V = a \sum \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^{n+1} \left(g_n^m \cos m\lambda + h_n^m \sin m\lambda\right) P_n^m \left(\cos \theta\right) \tag{1}$$

The earth's center is taken as the origin of the three spherical coordinates: r, the distance from the origin; θ , the colatitude; and λ , the longitude east of Greenwich (Chapman and Bartels, 1940). $P_n^m \; (\cos \, \theta) \; \text{are Schmidt's semi-normalized associated Legendre polynomials of integral order m and degree n, and <math>g_n^m \; \text{and } h_n^m \; \text{are the Gaussian}$ (Schmidt) coefficients. The north, east, and vertical (or downward) components of the surface magnetic field are then given by

$$\underline{\underline{X}} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta}, \ \underline{\underline{Y}} = -\frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \lambda}, \ \underline{\underline{Z}} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r}.$$
 (2)

The values of g_n^m and h_n^m are usually determined from the observed field values. Most analyses provide values up to m = n = 6 and fit, by the method of least squares, weighted data taken from charts at 5^0 to 10^0 intervals of latitude and longitude. An example is the analysis for 1922 (Dyson and Furner, 1923); essentially the same methodology was followed by Vestine, et al., for 1945, and for secular change at 10-year intervals from 1912.5 to 1942.5 (Vestine, et al., 1947). The results obtained are therefore comparable, since they include the influence of similar defects as well as advantages in methodology. Repeating the study of 1945 — but now using the data of Vestine, et al.,

I. INTRODUCTION

About 1839, Gauss first used spherical harmonics to analyze the geomagnetic field's potential function. Since then, at intervals of ten years or more, others have made such analyses (Chapman and Bartels, 1940). The results of their work, usually in the form of charted values, have seldom been rigorously comparable. This is hardly surprising, since they used different accuracies and distributions for the observational data points, assumed different numbers of spherical harmonic terms to fit the data, weighted their observations differently, and used different methods of analysis.

This paper estimates the differences caused by defective data and procedures, and indicates the effect on a few major main-field parameters and their interpretation. It compares the computed results of spherical-harmonic analysis with those of integral analysis, in two meridional planes and at various heights above the earth's surface. It describes formulas and grids that are useful for integral analysis. It then compares the sample results with previous tabulations of the main field that have been used in analyzing particle data for the Van Allen radiation belts. It indicates the change since 1835 in the geomagnetic-pole position and in the earth's magnetic moment. Finally, it discusses extrapolation of the surface field into the earth's interior.

up to m = n = 15 — gave surprisingly similar results (Fanselau and Kautzleben, 1958).

Other methods based on observed points (unequally distributed measurements at observatories) have afforded almost as good an approximation, though they have not well represented the field's distribution over the oceans. Analyses to terms of high degree (512 coefficients) have been based on the charted vertical component of the geomagnetic field for 1955.0 (Jensen and Whitaker, 1960; Jensen, Murray and Welch, 1960). Most of the other analyses have been based on the more precise charted or observed horizontal components of field, for which the fit obtained by Jensen and Whitaker had a root-mean-square error estimated to be 1150γ (one $\gamma = 10^{-5}$ cgs-unit) in the charts of the U.S., and 632y in those of the U.S.S.R.; the maximum difference in the computed minus observed value of horizontal intensity was 6200y. Results based on this analysis have fit, within about one per cent, several satellite measurements in the lower Van Allen radiation belt (Heppner, et al., 1960). Coefficients obtained by Finch and Leaton have given a similar or somewhat better fit within another region (Heppner, et al., 1960; Finch and Leaton, 1957). Tabulations of field values, of field lines and their conjugate points, and of adiabatic invariants applicable to geomagnetically trapped particles have been derived for these coefficients (Jensen, Murray, and Welch, 1960; Vestine and Sibley, 1960; Ray, et al., 1962). There is now a spherical-harmonic analysis for 1960, based directly on observational points (Jensen and Cain, 1962). The radiation-belt L-shells of McIlwain (1961) use the 1960 values.

III. INTEGRALS

Various books on potential theory have shown how to analyze magnetic fields by surface integrals (Kellogg, 1929). Vestine (1940, 1941), Taylor (1944), and Benkova (1953) have extended the technique to the geomagnetic field of a sphere, while Vacquier, et al., (1951) has done the same for a plane earth.

A convenient starting point is Green's theorem, which gives a magnetic potential V(P) at an internal point P(r,0, λ) in terms of surface values of the potential and its normal derivative $\frac{\partial V}{\partial n}$ (n being the outward normal):

$$V(P) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int \left(v \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} \right) dS , \qquad (3)$$

where S is the surface of the earth.

If $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{e}}$ is that part of \mathbf{V} originating outside the earth, and $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{i}}$ is that part originating inside the earth, then for \mathbf{P} external to \mathbf{S} ,

$$v_{i}(P) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S} \left(v \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} \right) dS , \qquad (4)$$

and, for P internal to S,

$$V_{e}(P) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S} \left(V \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial n} \right) dS , \qquad (5)$$

where $V = V_e + V_i$. Upon S itself

$$v_e - v_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_S \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial v}{\partial n} - (v - v) \frac{\partial}{\partial n} \frac{1}{r} \right] ds + v,$$
 (6)

where $U/4\pi$ is the strength of any uniform double layer on S, a layer whose potential is zero outside S, and equal to -U everywhere inside S (Vestine, 1940; <u>Taylor</u>, 1944).

For a spherical earth,

$$v_e - v_i = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} (v + 2a Z) \cos \psi \, d\psi \, d\lambda$$
, (7)

where $V_e - V_i$ is taken at the pole of coordinate (a,θ,λ) and $\psi = \theta/2$ and $Z = \partial V/\partial n$ (Vestine, 1941) and an analogous expression for $Z_e - Z_i$ was obtained in correction of Vestine's earlier result (Taylor, 1944). Therefore, as in spherical harmonic analysis, an integral method suffices to separate an observed surface magnetic field into parts of external and internal origin.

Equation (4) can be transformed with the Green's function of the first kind:

$$G(Q,P) = \frac{1}{R} - \frac{a}{R} \frac{1}{r},$$
 (8)

where P is the outside point (r,θ,λ) , Q the point (a,θ',λ') on S, R the distance PQ, and R' the distance P'Q (where P' is the image point to P in the sphere). From this, we get the well-known Poisson's integral:

$$V_{i}(r,\theta,\lambda) = \frac{r^{2} - a^{2}}{4\pi a} \int_{S} \frac{f(\theta',\lambda') dS}{R^{3}},$$
 (9)

giving $V_{\hat{\bf i}}$ at P outside, in terms of the surface values $f(\theta^{\, {}^{\prime}}, \lambda^{\, {}^{\prime}})$ of $V_{\hat{\bf i}}$ on S.

Existing spherical-harmonic analyses of the geomagnetic field do not show an external contribution $\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{e}}$ that can be detected with any

certainty. In this paper, consequently, we will neglect the possible contribution of external main-field terms.

 \underline{Z} is not a potential function, because its direction in space is not always the same, but the values \underline{X} , \underline{Y} , and \underline{Z} are known over S and are defined in Eq. (2). Therefore, if we take the earth's center 0 as origin, we can transform the values into a Cartesian coordinate system (x, y, z) with the x axis towards $90^{\circ}W$ of Greenwich, the y axis toward the Greenwich meridian, and the z axis toward the north pole. Thus $x = -r \sin \theta \sin \lambda$, $y = r \sin \theta \cos \lambda$, and $z = r \cos \theta$, so that the transformation results in the potential functions $X = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x}$, $Y = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}$, and $Z = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$. Since X, Y, and Z are potential functions, and therefore are not the same as \underline{X} , \underline{Y} , and \underline{Z} , from Poisson's integral

$$X(x,y,z) = \frac{r^2 - a^2}{4\pi a} \int_{S} \frac{X(x',y',z')dS}{R^3},$$

$$Y(x,y,z) = \frac{r^2 - a^2}{4\pi a} \int_{S} \frac{Y(x',y',z')dS}{R^3},$$

$$Z(x,y,z) = \frac{r^2 - a^2}{4\pi a} \int_{S} \frac{Z(x',y',z')dS}{R^3},$$
(10)

where $x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2 = a^2$, and X, Y, Z are the surface values of f in the x, y, and z directions, respectively.

The field components on S in the three directions are then

$$X(x',y',z') = \underline{X} \cos \theta' \sin \lambda' - \underline{Y} \cos \lambda' + \underline{Z} \sin \theta' \sin \lambda',$$

$$Y(x',y',z') = -\underline{X} \cos \theta' \cos \lambda' - \underline{Y} \sin \lambda' - \underline{Z} \sin \theta' \cos \lambda',$$

$$Z(x',y',z') = \underline{X} \sin \theta - \underline{Z} \cos \theta',$$
(11)

where, as in Eq. (2),

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \theta}$$
, $\underline{\mathbf{y}} = -\frac{1}{a \sin \theta}$, $\underline{\mathbf{z}} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}\right)_{\mathbf{r}=\mathbf{a}}$

Here, a is the earth's radius, θ ' is the colatitude, λ ' is the longitude east of Greenwich, as in Eq. (10).

By inserting the values of \underline{X} , \underline{Y} , and \underline{Z} from charts of the geomagnetic field into Eqs. (10) and (11) we may then calculate by machine the earth's main field at external points. To calculate the field lines and the various adiabatic invariants, we merely take the field direction as specified by the field's three orthogonal components given by Eq. (10) and use a Runge-Kutta-Gill integration scheme (Vestine and Sibley, 1960).

We need know only $\partial V/\partial n$ over S to estimate the potential V at P. For a point inside a sphere, $P(r,\theta,\lambda)$, we use a Green's function of the second kind, H(Q,P). This function gives the potential at P relative to a point on the sphere, $Q(r',\theta',\lambda')$, and an image point, $P'\left(\frac{a^2}{r},Q,\lambda\right):$ $H(Q,P) = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{a}{r} + \frac{1}{r} \log \frac{2a^2}{a^2 - rr'\cos y + rR'}. \tag{12}$

The value R is the distance PQ, and the image point P' is inside the sphere along the line OP so that the equality of R' and P'Q is defined by the condition OP' \cdot OP = a^2 , where a is the radius of the sphere (Kellogg, 1929). H(Q,P) can be transformed by known methods into a form H'(Q,P) suited to the calculation of V(P) at an exterior point P(r, θ , λ) relative to a point on the sphere Q(r', θ ', λ ').

Thus the equation

$$V(P) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S} H'(Q, P) f(Q) dS',$$
 (13)

provides the magnetic potential at P in terms of the surface values of $f(Q) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial n}$ on S. By differentiating H'(Q,P) with respect to r, θ , and λ , and by integrating, we can obtain the field components in polar coordinates. But since Eq. (10) seems to offer a more complete use of the measured information, we will not use here the normal component alone.

The following sections will describe and discuss for the first time new spherical-harmonic analyses of the American and Soviet world isomagnetic charts for 1955. We will indicate the quality of fit, apply Eq. (10) to the American charts, and compare the computed results of field parameters with those obtained by <u>Vestine and Sibley</u> (1960) for points in the radiation belts.

IV. SPHERICAL-HARMONIC ANALYSES OF ISOMAGNETIC CHARTS OF THE U.S. AND U.S.S.R. FOR 1955.0

Scalings of American and Soviet charts at 5° intervals of latitude and longitude have been represented in terms of spherical harmonics by one of the authors of this paper (J. L. Carlstedt). He determined the coefficients of Eq. (1) by fitting the values of \underline{X} , \underline{Y} , and \underline{Z} , supposing the series to terminate with n = 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12. He obtained a weighted least-squares fit for each case by using a scheme that Vestine and Lange described in their analyses of the isomagnetic charts for 1945 (Vestine, et al., 1947).

Table 1 compares the results to P_6^6 with those obtained by Finch and Leaton in the British Admiralty charts for 1955. It reveals a fairly good agreement in magnitude and in sign, though discrepancies are sometimes as great as 10^{-2} cgs when results for g_1^0 are quoted to four figures. In certain analyses, this means that the computed values for the lower Van Allen region may disagree by as much as 1000γ (where $1\gamma = 10^{-5}$ cgs).

We have repeated the analyses, quoting more figures, for the American and Soviet charts for 1955. To note the effects dependent on the series' truncation, we supposed that the series of Eq. (1) terminated with P_4^4 , P_6^6 , P_8^8 , P_{10}^{10} , and P_{12}^{12} . For the American charts of X and Y, Tables 2(a) and 2(b) list our values of g_n^m , and h_n^m , respectively. Tables 2(c) and 2(d) list our corresponding values for Z. Similarly, Tables 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), and 3(d) list our values for the Soviet charts.

Fanselau and Kautzleben (1958) noted that the terms up to P_6^6 (but not to P_4^4) are very roughly the same, whether the series ends there or goes on to P_{15}^{15} . Agreeing even better, apparently, are the results for low-degree coefficients of the series that terminate in P_8^8 , P_{10}^{10} , and P_{12}^{12} .

Our \underline{X} , \underline{Y} , and \underline{Z} series were synthesized at the points in a 17 x 36 grid that is composed of 10° spacings in colatitude and longitude. Table 4 gives the root-mean-square (rms) errors in fit for this grid between the synthesized and charted American and Soviet data.

The quality of fit revealed by the rms errors in the X component ranges from about 230γ (0.0023 cgs) for the series terminating with P_4^4 to about 110 γ for the series terminating in P_{12}^{12} (about 90 γ for the Soviet charts). Interestingly, the series for \underline{z} has a larger rms departure (320 γ) when it terminates in P_4^4 , and the smallest value of all (55 γ) when it terminates in P_{12}^{12} — a considerable improvement. Between the points of a 10° x 10° grid, of course, the present estimates of quality will not necessarily apply. In addition, the discrepancies for \underline{X} and \underline{Y} should theoretically be larger than those for \underline{Z} . This is because we synthesized X and Y from their mean coefficients, not from direct analysis, as with \underline{Z} . In reality, however, the coefficients based on \underline{Z} are probably less accurate than those for \underline{X} and \underline{Y} , merely because Z has been less accurately measured. Therefore, when Tables 2 and 3 are used for physical rather than for statistical purposes (or for discussion of methodology), it may be appropriate to regard the third digit from the right, rounded off, as the last significant figure.

It would be interesting to compare the various results obtained by using coefficients up to P_{12}^{12} while computing values in the upper atmosphere and beyond. In attempting extrapolations to the earth's core, one would probably minimize errors by choosing low-degree terms from the series to P_{12}^{12} . The analyses contain other defects, some not yet mentioned. For instance, the spacing of the 10° x 10° grid is necessarily non-uniform in distance. Therefore, though it is theoretically possible to determine the coefficients of Eq. (1) so that the resulting values are independent of n (the number of terms in the series), actual practice may require data at equidistant grid points, making difficult the appropriate weighting of data.

Difficulties also occur in the integral methods mentioned earlier. Of principal importance is the distribution of data over the area of integration. How this is useful in calculating the geomagnetic field will be considered in the next section. But it should be mentioned here that non-uniform spacing of sampled chart data could conceivably minimize some small effects that might result from the use of uniform spacing. Thus, if there are higher-order harmonic components associated with magnetic anomalies, an aliased contribution to lower-degree harmonics may arise (Blackman and Tukey, 1959). For analyzing geophysical data, alternative schemes may minimize any possible effects (MacDonald, private communication).

V. ANALYSIS BY NUMERICAL INTEGRATION

TWO EQUAL-AREA GRIDS

The integral expressions for the field given by Eq. (10) require that X, Y, and Z be specified. These integrals can be evaluated approximately by using values of X, Y, and Z specified at points on a grid covering the sphere, S. Assuming that these field values represent average values for surface-area sectors ΔS_k centered on the grid points, we can replace the integrals of Eq. (10) with summations. By selecting grids that specify surface sectors of equal area, we can eliminate one source of variation in the integral and use field values directly, without weighting.

Two equal-area grids are described here. The first is formed by lines of latitude and longitude, the second by nearly equal subdivisions on the faces of a spherical icosahedron. This equal spacing of grid points over the surface of the sphere will enable similar local features of the surface-field to affect the values of X, Y, and Z similarly anywhere on the surface.

Longitude-Latitude Equal-Area Grid

A grid of points can be constructed with lines of latitude and longitude so that each grid point represents sectors of equal area. First, take two planes that are parallel to the earth's equator and that are separated by a fixed distance. The area of the earth's surface between the planes will be the same, regardless of where the parallel planes are located. If we divide the earth's diameter with a series of equidistant planes that are parallel to the equator, the spherical

segments between the planes will be equal in area. These spherical segments can be further divided into smaller equal areas by drawing meridional planes that are spaced at equal polar angles. Figure 1 shows such a subdivision of the earth's surface. The area sectors adjoining the poles are triangular. Each area sector is bounded by lines of latitude and longitude.

To represent this kind of subdivision, we can generate a set of grid points in a similar fashion. Its advantage is that most magnetic field data are similarly scaled at equal intervals of latitude and longitude. Its principal disadvantage is the unequal spacing of points over the sphere. In a grid with a longitude and latitude spacing of 100 km at the equator, for example, the northernmost grid points will be 1130 km from the pole, though separated from each other by only 18 km in longitude. Giving field data only at these grid points would cause unequal representation of the field's surface features due to internal sources: the representation of features distributed in longitude would obviously surpass that of features distributed in latitude. Hence, extrapolations of the field to heights greater than 100 km using this grid in combination with Poisson's integral or Eq. (10) - will reflect more accurately the effects of sources that are distributed in longitude than those of sources that are distributed in latitude. Nevertheless, extrapolation tests using this grid from $70^{\circ}N$ to $70^{\circ}S$ give results with an accuracy commensurate with that of surface data.

As we shall later use more advanced grid systems, we will here use only one calculation as a sample. We take a grid of data points

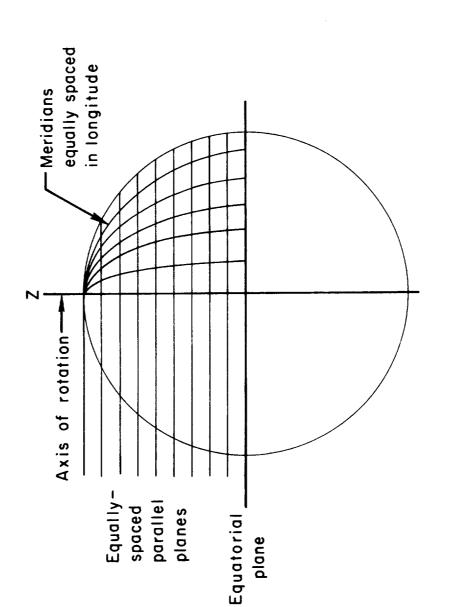


Fig. | Method of generating an equal-area grid with latitude and longitude lines

latitude and longitude. By spacing the points closely, we can better assess the potential accuracy of the surface integral method. We actually use a composite of two latitude-longitude grids. The primary grid has points spaced at intervals of 2° in latitude and 4° in longitude. The smaller, secondary grid (whose over-all measurements are 4° in latitude by 16° in longitude) is located beneath the point at which the field is calculated. Its points are spaced at intervals of $1/4^{\circ}$ in latitude and $1/2^{\circ}$ in longitude.

In such a grid, the area sectors assigned to each grid point vary in size over the surface of the sphere. We determine the area assigned to each grid point by integrating dS = $a^2 \sin \theta \ d\theta$ over the assigned area, where $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is the colatitude and $\boldsymbol{\phi}$ is the longitude of a point on the sphere, and a is the sphere's radius. Values of X, Y, and Z for each point were calculated from the coefficients we had derived from the American charts of 1955.0; using these values, we calculated the field at $50^{\circ} \mathrm{N}$, $0^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$ and at an altitude of 600 km by integrating Eq. (10) over the composite latitude-longitude grid. These spherical harmonic coefficients give the field at this point as 0.3654 gauss (with direction cosines of dx/ds = -0.0723, dy/ds = 0.8937, and dz/ds = 0.4464). This value can serve as a reference for determining the accuracy of the value given by the surface integral (0.3649 gauss with direction cosines of dx/ds = -0.0723, dy/ds = 0.8958, and dz/ds = 0.4470). The error in the field's magnitude is about 0.1%. The maximum error in the direction cosines is for dy/ds - about 0.25%. Obviously, the surface-integral method can yield quite accurate

extrapolations of the geomagnetic field. The calculation is quite lengthy, however, and requires an interpolation scheme for points at which the field is not known.

Icosahedral Equal-Area Grid

The foregoing discussion has shown why it is desirable to have sectors with equal areas, with a high degree of symmetry about their centers, and with shapes that are independent of their location on the sphere. From this, J. W. Kern decided that the icosahedron, being the highest-degree regular polyhedron, is an excellent model for subdividing a sphere.

If we trace a spherical icosahedron onto the surface of the earth, letting one axis correspond to the axis of rotation, we can form an equal-area grid by subdividing the faces of the icosahedron with great circles. We will regard the grid points so determined as center points of the sectors of integration. Figure 2 shows that almost every sector will be a hexagon centered on a grid point; the exceptions will be the pentagon centered on each vertex of the icosahedron. Figure 2 shows the arrangement of the grid points for one face of the icosahedron. Since equal areas are to be assigned to each of these grid points, we must make small adjustments in the shape of the sectors and distribute them over the sphere. Note that the sectors will not, in general, be regular spherical polygons. But these irregularities will be quite small if we make a fine subdivision, using the technique described below.

Consider the spherical triangle ABC, shown in Fig. 2. This face of the spherical icosahedron is one of the five spherical triangles joining in a common vertex at the north pole of rotation. Its sides,

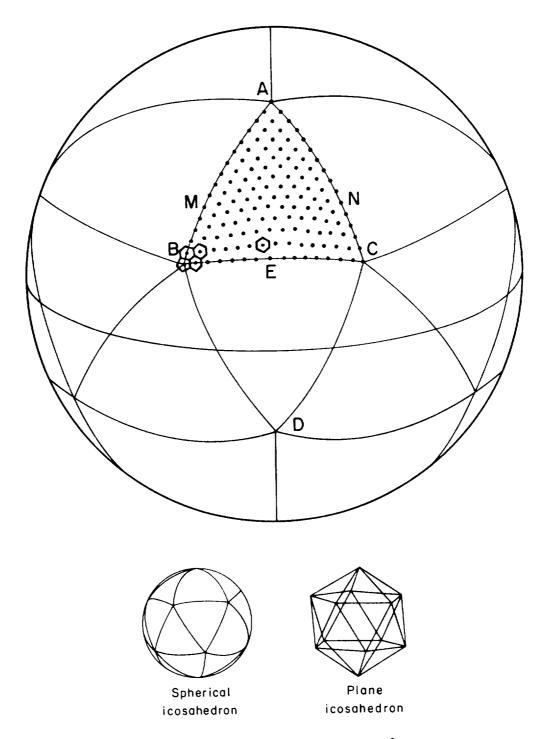


Fig. 2 Method of generating an equal-area, equal-spacing grid based on the spherical icosahedron

AB and AC, lie in meridional planes and can be subdivided into m equal arcs. (In the figure, m = 16.) This subdivision determines points on AB and AC that can be identified by their colatitude measured from the pole. If we pass great circles through the points on AB and AC that have the same colatitude, we will determine m great-circle arcs inside the ABC face of the spherical icosahedron. MN in Fig. 2 is one such arc. If we now subdivide each arc once for every arc lying between it and the pole, we generate a regular grid. This grid can be transferred to all twenty of the spherical triangles that make up the spherical icosahedron. For example, the grid for triangle ABC in Fig. 2 may be transferred to triangle BCD by rotating it 180° about a radius through E, the midpoint of BC. By joining two spherical triangles (such as ABC and BCD in Fig. 2) we form an equilateral, spherical quadrilateral (ABDC). To cover the sphere, we need only repeat the grid pattern of ABDC five times around each of the poles. Thus, identification of this single pattern will enable us to prescribe the grid for an entire sphere.

This technique can be formalized in terms of a set of vector operations, in which linear transformations begin by generating the grid within the spherical quadrilateral, and then repeat the grid pattern about each pole. It can be made so general that an electronic computer can readily generate the coordinates for a grid of any frequency, m.

NUMERICAL FORMULAE FOR SURFACE INTEGRATION

After a grid has been generated, and after the Cartesian components, X, Y, and Z, have been calculated, the integral expression for a given

component at any point of space can be replaced by this summation:

$$X(x,y,z) = \frac{r^2 - a^2}{4\pi a} \sum_{k} \frac{X_k(x_k', y_k', z_k') \Delta S_k}{R_k^3}$$
.

Here, X(x,y,z) is the desired x-component of the field in space (similar expressions can be written for Y and Z); k is the index of summation; $X_k(x_k^i, y_k^i, z_k^i)$ is the field value for ΔS_k (the k-th surfacearea sector) that is specified by the components of the radius vector to the center point $(x_k^i, y_k^i, \text{ and } z_k^i)$; and R_k is the distance from the point in space to the center of the k-th sector.

R_t is given by

$$R_k^2 = r^2 + a^2 - 2(xx_k' + yy_k' + zz_k')$$

where r is the radius vector from the center of the sphere to the point in space, a is the radius of the sphere, and (x,y,z) and (x_k',y_k',z_k') are the Cartesian coordinates of the point in space and of the k-th sector's center.

Both the longitude-latitude and the icosahedron grids assigned equal areas to the centers of their surface-area sectors. Therefore, each sector is $\Delta S = 4\pi a^2/N$, where $4\pi a^2$ is the area of the sphere, and N is the total number of grid points. If we substitute this expression for ΔS_k into the summation for X given above, we see that

$$X(x,y,z) = \frac{a(r^2 - a^2)}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{X_k}{R_k^3}$$
, (14)

while

$$Y(x,y,z) = \frac{a(r^2 - a^2)}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{Y_k}{R_k^3}$$

and

$$Z(x,y,z) = \frac{a(r^2 - a^2)}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{Z_k}{R_k^3}$$
.

These are the approximate expressions that will be used in the surface-integration method of calculating the field in space from surface values over the earth. For example, the total number of grid points over the surface of a spherical icosahedron is $10m^2 + 2$, where m is the number of subdivisions on the icosahedron's edges.

ANALYTIC PROCEDURES

We may regard Eq. (14) as sums of integrals:

$$X(x,y,z) = \frac{(r^2 - a^2)}{4\pi a} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \int_{\Delta S_k} \frac{xds}{R^3}$$
,

in which we use the approximation,

$$\int_{\Delta S_{\mathbf{k}}} \frac{XdS}{R^3} \sim \frac{4\pi a^2}{N} \frac{X_{\mathbf{k}}}{R^3} , \qquad (15)$$

to reduce the computation's complexity. For a point near the surface of the earth, R becomes small for some terms in the series. As R approaches zero, the integrand approaches infinity. This challenges the range of applicability for Eq. (15) and similar approximations.

If \mathbf{X}_k is a good representation of X over $\Delta \mathbf{S}_k$, we may write

$$\int_{\Delta S_{k}} \frac{x ds}{R^{3}} \sim x_{k} \int_{\Delta S_{k}} \frac{ds}{R^{3}}$$

and then estimate the appropriate variable weight by this equation:

$$W = \int_{\Delta S_{k}} \frac{dS}{R^{3}} .$$

One such value is, of course,

$$W = \frac{4\pi a^2}{NR_k^3} \qquad . \tag{16}$$

An alternative would be the integral for the cap segment of angle $\Delta\theta$ (Fig. 3):

$$W = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\Delta\theta} \frac{\sin \theta \ d\theta \ d\phi}{\left(a^{2} + r^{2} - 2ar \cos \theta\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\Delta\theta} \frac{\sin\theta \ d\theta \ d\phi}{\left[x_{o}^{2} + z_{o}^{2} + a^{2} - 2(x_{o}^{2} \cos\phi \sin\theta + z_{o}^{2} \cos\theta)\right]^{3/2}}$$

For small $\Delta\theta$, the approximations

$$\sin \theta \sim \theta$$
, $\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2}$,

after making a = 1, lead to the integral

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\Delta\theta} \frac{\theta \ d\theta \ d\phi}{\left[x_{o}^{2} + z_{o}^{2} + 1 - 2z_{o} - 2x_{o}\theta \cos \phi + z_{o}\theta^{2}\right]^{3/2}} . \tag{17}$$

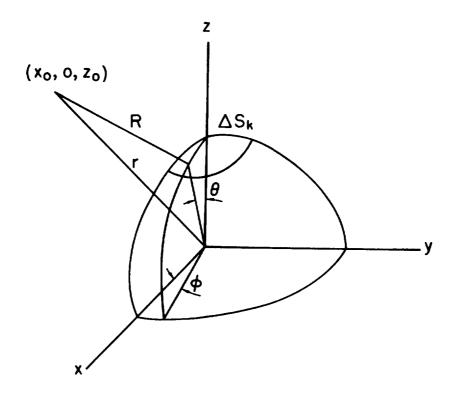


Fig. 3 Coordinate system for surface integration over a single area sector (circular cap on sphere)

The integration of Eq. (17), with respect to θ , yields

$$\frac{1}{K} \int_{K}^{2\pi} \frac{\left[K^{2}(K^{2}-2x_{o}^{\Delta\theta}\cos\varphi+z_{o}^{\Delta\theta})^{\frac{1}{2}}-(K^{2}-x_{o}^{\Delta\theta}\cos\varphi)\right] d\varphi}{(K^{2}z_{o}^{2}-x_{o}^{2}\cos^{2}\varphi)(K^{2}-2x_{o}^{\Delta\theta}\cos\varphi+z_{o}^{\Delta\theta})^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$
(18)

where

$$K^2 = 1 - 2z_0 + x_0^2 + z_0^2$$

Table 5 exhibits the relative merits of Eqs. (16) and (18) for the case $x_0=0$. In it, $\Delta\theta=.04$, which is quite close to the weighting appropriate to N = 2562.

For $x_0 \neq 0$, Eq. (18) must be evaluated by numerical quadrature. In subsequent numerical results, an eight-point Gaussian quadrature was used over $(0,\pi)$. Figure 4 exhibits the behavior of one-half of the integrand, both for values of x_0 and z_0 where $(x_0^2 + z_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.1$, and for positions ranging from directly over the center of ΔS_k out to a distance of one sphere radius.

A trapezoidal integration of the curve for D = 1 (Fig. 4) yields a value of .00504.

Comparing this result with corresponding entries in Table 5, we see that for a distance of one sphere radius from the center of ΔS_k , Eqs. (16) and (18) give virtually the same result regardless of orientation. This suggests that a combination of Eqs. (16) and (18) satisfactorily estimates the surface integral. Equation (16) should be used for those ΔS_k farther than one sphere radius from the point in space, and Eq. (18) for those closer than one radius.

Table 6 estimates $\int\limits_{S}^{\infty} \frac{dS}{R^3}$ for a grid corresponding to N = 2562. The Center column lists positions along a radius vector through the

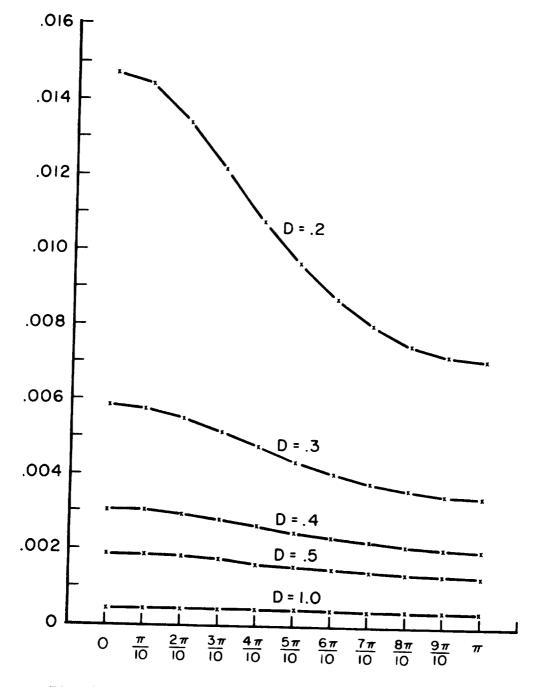


Fig. 4 Results of surface integral for circular cap at different positions relative to the cap

center of a particular ΔS_k ; the Off Center column lists positions along a radius vector through a point midway between two ΔS_k . To account for overlapping ΔS_k and to achieve the distribution of errors listed under Center, $\Delta \theta$ in Eq. (18) and the coefficient in Eq. (15) were modified as follows: $\Delta \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{N}}$ (.0675); the coefficient = $\frac{4\pi}{N}$ (.9978).

In general, one-tenth of a sphere radius is the minimum distance from the sphere at which an error of less than 1% can be maintained.

VI. APPLICATION TO GEOMAGNETIC FIELD-LINE CALCULATION

To avoid reading the magnetic charts at the previously described grid points and to get results comparable to the spherical harmonic analyses, we obtained the surface values of X, Y, and Z from the 48-coefficient expansion of the American 1955 charts. These data allow one to compare directly the field lines obtained by the integral method with those lines obtained by <u>Vestine and Sibley</u> (1960).

Each integration was by a fourth-order Runge-Kutta-Gill scheme, moving by steps of 0.1 earth radius (Gill, 1951).

Table 7 and Fig. 5 indicate the results of generating a field line starting at 0.1 of a radius above the point at $40^{\circ}N$, $90^{\circ}E$ and ending at an altitude of about 0.1 of a radius.

Figure 6 shows a 50°N, 0°E field line generated by both the spherical-harmonic and the surface-integral methods. For each, the integration step is 0.25 earth radius. Note that the difference between the calculated positions in the equatorial plane is greater than in Fig. 5 where we have a smaller step-size. Near the surface, the Runge-Kutta-Gill integration of Eq. (16) yields field-line positions quite close to those obtained by the spherical-harmonic analysis. Differences in conjugate points at constant altitude are less than 0.01 earth radius (about 65 km). To determine mirror points (the point along the line where the field is the same as at the starting point), the integration of Eq. (16) is less useful. The calculated magnitude of the field can have errors on the order of 3% at altitudes of less than 0.1 earth radius. Such an error would allow the altitude of mirror points estimated with Eq. (16) to be in error by as much as 0.01 earth radius.

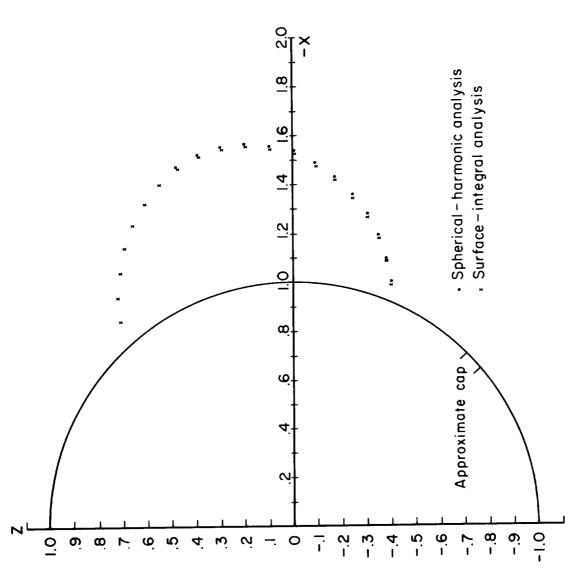


Fig. 5 Field lines calculated by means of spherical-harmonic and surface-integral analyses from $40^{0}N$, $90^{\circ}E$, altitude = 0.1 earth radius. Step size along field line is 0.1 earth radius.

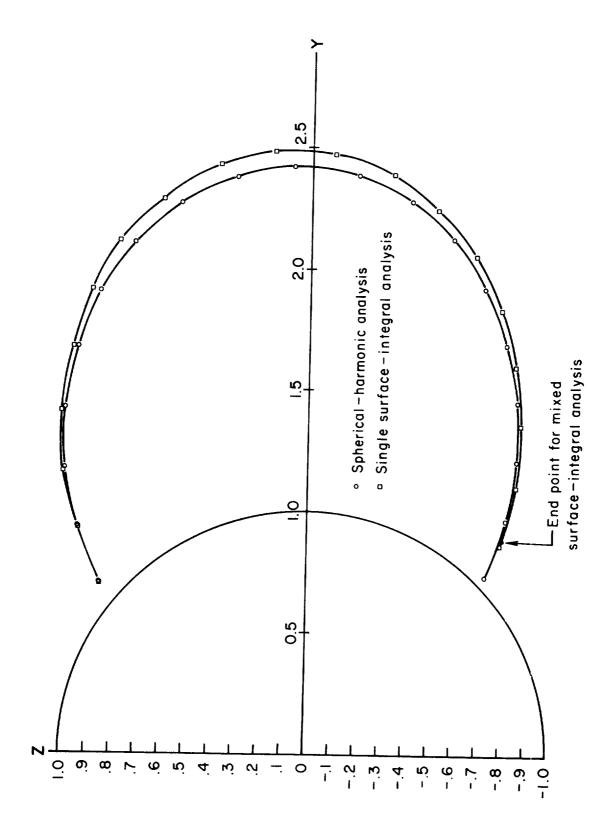


Fig. 6 Field lines calculated by means of spherical-harmonic and surfaceintegral analyses from 50° N, 0° E, altitude = 600 km.

Step size along field line is 0.25 earth radius

The field lines calculated with either Eq. (16) or with the two-part integral correspond quite closely to those calculated by spherical-harmonic methods. This correspondence can be further improved by using shorter integration steps in the surface-integral methods. This would require more computing time than in the calculations of Figs. 5 and 6. But because surface-integral methods already increase more than tenfold the time required by the spherical-harmonic methods, the penalty for using shorter steps is proportionally small.

Table 7 lists the coordinates for three lines. The first was derived by <u>Vestine and Sibley</u> (1960); the second by the mixed-integral method discussed above; and the third by the integral method that uses Eq. (15) throughout. For each step along these three lines, we have computed the magnetic-field values (X,Y,Z) and listed them in Table 8.

The three methods produce quite comparable results for shorter field lines. Figure 6 and Tables 7 and 8 show that the two integral methods produce almost identical results that differ from the spherical harmonic ones by about 100 km. The consistency of the integral results can be explained in part by the fact that, although the values of X, Y, and Z in Table 8 differ, they are almost proportional. The constant of proportionality is the square of the ratio of the factors noted in Table 6. This is not entirely unexpected. Because the direction of the line of force is determined by the <u>direction cosines</u> associated with the X, Y, and Z at each point, the constant of proportionality disappears.

In general, as a point moves away from the surface of the earth,

Eq. (15) provides an increasingly good approximation of the field. Near

the surface, however, only a few values tend to be heavily weighted, because of the $1/R^3$ argument in Eq. (15). This weight disappears in the computation of the direction cosines. A clue to this behavior may be found by rewriting Eq. (14):

$$X(x,y,z) = \frac{a(r^2 - a^2)}{N} \frac{1}{R_1^3 R_2^3 \dots R_N^3} \sum_{k=1}^{N} X_k^{n} \pi_k,$$

where $\pi_k = R_1^3 \ R_2^3 \ \dots \ R_{k-1}^3 \ R_{k+1}^3 \ \dots \ R_N^3.$ The direction cosine defined by X becomes

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} = \frac{\sum x_k \pi_k}{\sqrt{(\sum x_k \pi_k)^2 + (\sum x_k \pi_k)^2 + (\sum x_k \pi_k)^2}}$$

If we allow $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k}}$ to tend toward zero, we obtain

$$R_{k} \to 0 \quad \frac{X}{\sqrt{X^{2} + Y^{2} + z^{2}}} = \frac{X_{k} \pi_{k}}{\sqrt{X_{k}^{2} \pi_{k}^{2} + Y_{k}^{2} \pi_{k}^{2} + Z_{k}^{2} \pi_{k}^{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{X_{k}}{\sqrt{X_{k}^{2} + Y_{k}^{2} + Z_{k}^{2}}} ,$$

precisely the direction cosine at the surface.

VII. COMPARISON OF CONJUGATE POINTS CALCULATED FROM VARIOUS SPHERICAL-HARMONIC ANALYSES

DeWitt's study of IGY all-sky camera data (DeWitt, 1962) has shown that auroras occur simultaneously in regions that are connected along magnetic field lines (that is, geomagnetically conjugate).

Vestine and Sibley (1960) computed the conjugate points of a number of locations in the auroral zones. They calculated that the IGY all-sky camera station at Farewell, Alaska, and the station at Campbell Island in the Southern Pacific Ocean are nearly conjugate, and that the same is true of Kotzebue, Alaska, and Macquarie Island. DeWitt's observations indicate that Vestine and Sibley may have been in error by as little as 20 km.

We have repeated their calculations for Campbell Island, using spherical-harmonic coefficients to order 6. Table 1 lists these coefficients we derived from the British (Finch and Leaton, 1957), American, and Soviet isomagnetic charts for 1955.0. We also used coefficients derived from the American charts for 1960 (Jensen and Cain, 1962). We have extrapolated the field line from Campbell Island (52°32'S, 168°59'E) to the northern hemisphere by the method of Vestine and Sibley (1960). The surface positions of points conjugate with Campbell Island, calculated with the indicated coefficients are: (1) British, 61°59'N, 154°39'W; (2) American, 1955, 61°45'N, 156°46'W; (3) Soviet, 61°40'N, 156°23'W; (4) American, 1960, 61°37'N, 155°05'W. The mean latitude of the four conjugate points is 61°45'N, with a mean deviation for the four positions of ± 7' (about ± 13 km). The mean longitude of the four conjugate points is 155°43'W, with a mean deviation of ± 52' (about ± 44 km at the

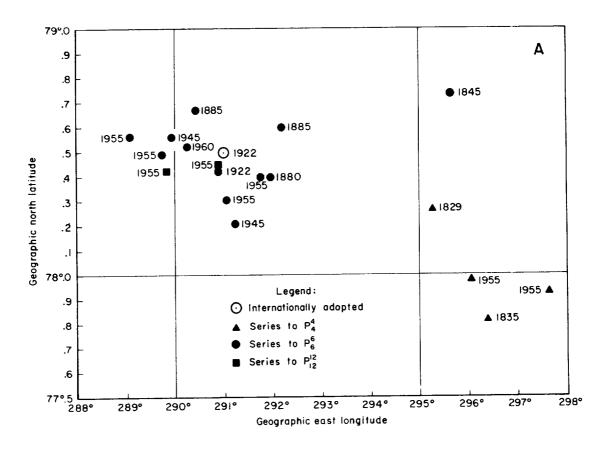
mean latitude). The probable error in this procedure has been previously estimated to be about 8 km. Apparently, uncertainties in the mathematical representations of the surface field can cause significant errors in the conjugate points. For the mean latitude and longitude of the four conjugate points of Campbell Island, the probable errors are \pm 4' = \pm 7 km and \pm 26' = \pm 22 km.

<u>DeWitt's</u> observations (1962) suggest an error limit of about this order for the Campbell Island calculations of <u>Vestine and Sibley</u> (1960). Obviously, no absolute criterion exists for preferring any one of the above determinations. Note that the largest probable error is in the conjugate point's longitude. Owing to the general east-west elongation of auroral structures, the longitude may also be the most difficult to check by auroral observations.

VIII. MAGNETIC MOMENT AND DIPOLE AXIS SINCE 1835

Spherical-harmonic analyses of British, American, and Soviet isomagnetic charts for 1955.0 give coefficients that agree rather well with each other. This is not surprising; they are independently derived from practically the same sets of measurements. Truncating the series, however, does affect the results. We see in Fig. 7(A) the positions of the geomagnetic north pole since 1829, as placed by series to 4, to 6, and to 12. It will be seen that pole positions for 1955 from our analyses to P_4^4 agree well with those of <u>Gauss</u> (1839) for 1838. Also agreeing well with each other are those positions derived from series to P_6^6 , including the last analysis (<u>Jensen and Cain</u>, 1962).

Figure 7(B) shows that the earth's dipole moment still continues its rather uniform decrease with time. Points for Soviet charts are based on our analysis presented here, as well as on a recent analysis by Adam, et al., (1962).



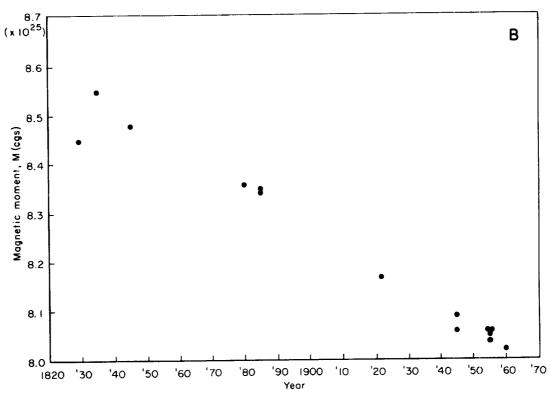


Fig. 7 (A) Geomagnetic north pole, from various analyses, 1829--1960 (B) Moment, M, in units of 10^{25} cgs

IX. MAGNETIC FIELD IN THE EARTH'S MANTLE

As we have seen, only a very small part of the magnetic field at the earth's surface can be ascribed to external sources. The main field is, in fact, thought to originate in the earth's core, and to be maintained by motions of electrically-conducting fluid material in the core. Extrapolation of the surface field to the boundary of the core is therefore of great interest to geophysicists. However, the sources producing the surface field are not entirely confined to the core. The spherical-harmonic representation of the field given by Eq. (1) may contain contributions from sources in the earth's mantle and crust. For illustration, we have calculated the nondipole portion of the main field at a depth of 1500 km (about halfway down to the core), using the American coefficients of 1955.0.

Figure 8 shows the results in terms of the downward (\mathbb{Z}) and horizontal (\mathbb{H}) components of the field. To exclude contributions from localized sources in the outer mantle and crust, it uses only terms up to m=n=6. If such contributions were present, the strong dependence of higher-order terms on r in Eq. (1) would produce relatively large errors in the field calculated for r < a. This kind of extrapolation seems to present no numerical difficulties, and if the possible sources in the crust and mantle are reflected only in coefficients of degree and order higher than 6, the extrapolation can in principle be extended to the boundary of the core.

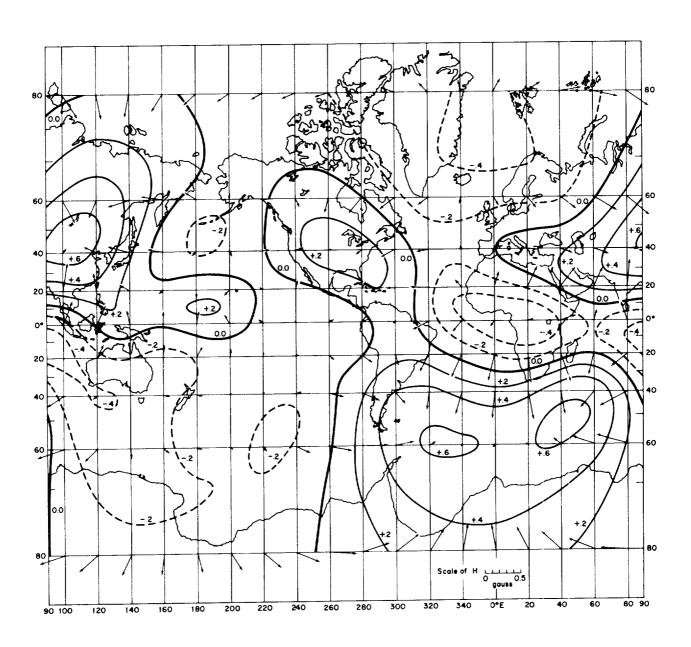


Fig. 8 Nondipole main-field components for 1955.0 at a depth of 1500 km Contours are for downward (Z) component in gauss; horizontal component (H) is given by arrows

X. CONCLUSIONS

Spherical-harmonic or integration analysis of the geomagnetic field's potential offers a way to extrapolate and interpolate the field over the earth's surface and nearby space. Spherical-harmonic analyses of different sets of isomagnetic charts yield sets of coefficients that are nearly the same to about P_6^6 , with differences commensurate with the probable errors in the data. To represent complex surface features (such as anomalies), we must use a spherical-harmonic series with many higher-order terms. Theoretically, integral methods avoid this difficulty. But if accuracy comparable to spherical-harmonic analysis is required, similar difficulties are met in supplying field values for the large number of data points that are necessary for an integration.

Geomagnetic field lines can be extrapolated into space either by spherical-harmonic analyses or by surface integrals. To this extrapolation, Poisson's integral is applied. The key is recognizing that each component of the geomagnetic field, specified over the earth's surface in a Cartesian-coordinate frame rotating with the earth, can be treated as a scalar potential function. Then, by applying Poisson's integral separately to each component, one can calculate the corresponding components at any point in space external to the sphere. We doubt that such application to a sphere has been previously noted.

The calculations based on spherical harmonics take less computation time, because their coefficients embody the surface-field data in a convenient analytic form. Surface-integral calculations require a relatively complete specification of the surface field, particularly

those parts near the earth's surface. Each integration over the surface requires the handling of the total surface-field data. It involves an argument of $1/R^3$, where R is the distance from a point at which the integral is evaluated to a data point on the surface of the sphere. The calculation of this for each data point greatly extends the time required for evaluating the surface integral. Accuracies comparable to those with spherical-harmonic methods require increases in time by factors of between ten and one hundred.

However, since the integral method involves only the process of summation, it may be less limited in accuracy. It also offers conceptual advantages convenient to those familiar with potential theory. Further, the calculations presented here indicate that comparable field-line positions are obtained by both methods.

There is no evidence of change in the position of the geomagnetic north pole from 1835 to 1960. The apparent motions are in some instances probably due to truncated series in spherical-harmonic representations of the field. The dipole moment of the earth has decreased at a uniform rate from 1829 to 1960.

Finally, there appear to be no serious obstacles to an inward extrapolation of the geomagnetic field to the earth's core. Sources of the geomagnetic field external to surface of the earth are negligible, and those due to sources in the mantle and crust are likely to contribute only to harmonics of order and degree higher than 6. Thus a truncated spherical-harmonic series should give an adequate representation of the field external to the core.

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		g _n			h ^m n	
n,m	British	U.S.	U.S.S.R.	British	U.S.	U.S.S.R
1,0	-3055	-3055	-3051	'		
2,0	- 152	- 147	- 141			
3,0	118	117	113	1		
4,0	95	87	97			
5,0	- 27	- 24	- 33			
6,0	10	2	7			
1,1	- 227	- 210	- 202	590	585	584
2,1	303	307	299	-190	-185	- 187
3,1	- 191	- 170	- 174	- 45	- 59	- 56
4,1	80	65	78	15	18	11
5,1	32	40	33	2	10	10
6,1	5	12	8	- 2	- 6	- 7
2,2	158	145	168	24	49	38
3,2	126	127	125	29	30	26
4,2	58	47	57	- 31	- 24	- 31
5,2	20	21	16	10	10	12
6,2	2	- 3	3	11	16	14
3,3	91	86	81	- 9	- 3	- 8
4,3	- 38	- 44	- 36	- 4	- 7	- 5
5,3	- 4	- 5	- 9	- 5	- 1	- 4
6,3	- 24	- 26	- 26	0	0	- 1
4,4	31	29	33	- 17	- 13	- 13
5,4	- 15	- 15	- 14	- 14	- 18	- 14
6,4	- 3	- 7	- 3	- 1	0	0
5,5	- 7	- 4	- 6	9	8	1
6,5	0	3	1	- 3	- 4	- 1
6,6	- 11	- 10	- 9	- 1	- 4	- 3

Table 2(a) Spherical-Harmonic Analysis of the Geomagnetic Field for 1955, U. S. World Charts. Mean values of \underline{X} and \underline{Y} , for series terminating with indicated values in P_n^m .

	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coefficients, g_n^m (Units of 10^{-6} cgs)						
n, m	P 4	P6	P8	P10	P12		
01122233334444555555555555555555555555555	0 -304664 -30265 -14837 30527 15380 13402 -20295 11949 9354 8517 6260 5131 -3270 3389	0 -305447 -21017 -14726 30655 14464 11667 -16952 12722 8609 8692 6454 4719 -4403 2905 -2410 3981 2078 -452 -1466 -382 225 1214 -249 -2592 -676	0 -305191 -22277 -14735 30705 13957 12179 -17411 12722 9155 8677 6541 4484 -4499 3085 -1677 3683 2081 -176 -1716 -692 201 1322 -409 -2723 -577	0 -305179 -21996 -14740 30727 13750 12225 -17287 12723 9129 8620 6578 4385 -4531 3342 -1581 3777 2083 -191 -1759 -644 83 1372 -479 -2766 -439	912 0 -305189 -22253 -14740 30734 13578 12235 -17386 12702 9327 8616 6592 4299 -4544 3485 -1519 3701 2048 -85 -1806 -615 65 1394 -546 -2786 -2786		
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Table 2(a)cont'd

	Gaussian (S	chmi d t) Coeff	icients, g ^m (Un	its of 10 ⁻⁶ cgs)	
n, m	P4	P6	9. 8	P10	P12
8,8,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,0,12,34,56,78,9,0,12,34,56,78,9,0,12,34,56,78,9,0,12,34,56,78,9,0,12,34,56,78,9,0,12,12,12,12,12,12,12,12,12,12,12,12,12,			-157 116 163	4 -240 59 216 197 -168 -29 -44 -36 109 -44 95 33 -241 -96 -97 -159 88 19 -98 -96 11 51 12	-5 -293 204 392 -294 -108 -126 -1291 -131 -135 -135 -135 -135 -135 -135 -13

Table 2(b) Spherical-Harmonic Analysis of the Geomagnetic Field for 1955, U. S. World Charts. Mean values of \underline{X} and \underline{Y} , for series terminating with indicated values in F_n^m .

	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coefficients, hm (Units of 10-6 cgs)						
, m	P4	P6	P8	P10	P12		
0010120123401234501234560123456701234	0 0 57713 0 -18505 2213 0 -6243 2544 -104 0 1810 -3608 -781 -1214	0 0 58524 0 -18539 4889 0 -5932 3041 -257 0 1767 -2356 -742 -1286 0 955 953 -83 -1769 795 0 -583 1561 -28 -24 -440 -440	0 0 58340 0 -18583 4814 0 -6004 3117 -763 0 1695 -2392 -752 -1543 0 902 1060 -335 -1737 1122 0 -681 1537 -48 -167 -401 -279 0 23 -8 -50 89 269 -199 -466 0 -236 -85 -160 -181	0 0 58218 0 -18606 4626 0 -6034 3209 -319 0 1658 -2487 -765 -1434 0 890 1204 -107 -1752 1332 0 -729 1468 -65 -110 -440 -410 0 16 179 107 72 391 -118 -394 0 -283 -140 -183 -144	0 0 58273 0 -18613 4633 4633 -412 0 1643 -2489 -779 -1500 917 1258 -157 -1741 1495 0 -754 1462 -89 -146 -437 -480 0 42 252 73 87 483 -166 -546 0 -318 -146 -215 -167		

Table 2(b) cont'd

	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coefficients, hm (Units of 10-6 cgs)						
n, m	P4	₽ ⁶	P8	P ₁₀	P <mark>12</mark> 12		
8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9,			118 91 42 -282	68 11 92 -279 0 -255 251 174 9 128 163 120 -65 0 231 48 -134 -17 -104 27 64 16 19 -6	72 -29 100 -330 0 -230 336 148 27 194 166 27 -24 -101 -176 -191 -176 -191 -176 -191 -191 -191 -191 -191 -191 -191 -19		

Table 2(c) Spherical-Harmonic Analysis of the Geomagnetic Field for 1955, U. S. World Charts. Mean values of $\frac{Z}{n}$, for series terminating with indicated values in P_n^m .

	n .							
	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coeff	lcients, g ^m (Ur	nits of 10 ⁻⁶ cg	(s)			
	P4	P ₆	P8	_p 10	P12			
n, m	4	- 6	- 8	10	12			
n, 0010120123012340123450123456012345670123	34 -302261 -20508 -15723 28576 16545 13593 -21123 10791 10166 8723 7158 5459 -3194 3719	321 -304385 -19510 -15234 28769 16581 11144 -18413 11485 10025 9315 7492 5609 -3735 3651 -2663 3969 1875 -752 -1098 -220 687 445 300 -1952 -450 109 -558	245 -304137 -19530 -15421 28915 16660 11506 -18463 11319 10016 9026 7773 5859 -3697 3655 -2192 3893 1480 -811 -1120 -252 323 890 750 -1827 -407 127 -552 538 -103 -647 -157 -100 -247 -73 521 -418 598 699 254	197 -304074 -19542 -15528 28915 16668 11629 -18517 11252 9988 8862 7776 5893 -3696 3659 -2017 3773 1337 -923 -1116 -254 96 895 827 -1826 -390 143 -552 757 -291 -896 -396 -396 -396 -396 -396 -396 -396 -3	134 -303936 -19552 -15616 28916 16660 11800 -18506 11250 9974 8764 7752 5895 -3660 -1773 3844 1318 -978 -1122 -256 -32 791 862 -1813 -385 -1940 -939 -524 -96 -287 -94 528 -96 -287 -94 528 -979 -94 528 -96 -979 -919 -956			

Table 2(c) cont'd

	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coefficients, g m (Units of 10-6 cgs)						
n, m	P4	P ₆	P8	P ₁₀	P12		
8,8,8,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9			93 60 -116 137	206 45 -125 137 247 -256 -372 -432 -432 -44 -118 -131 -86 -100 -29 -316 12 194 2 92 343 -80 -61 -7 -110 -78	234 554 137 643 147 147 153 162 162 163 164 164 164 164 164 164 164 164		

Table 2(d) Spherical-Harmonic Analysis of the Geomagnetic Field for 1955, U. S. World Charts. Mean values of \underline{Z} , for series terminating with indicated values in P_n^m .

	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coefficients, h_n^m (Units of 10 ⁻⁶ cgs)						
, m	P14	₽6 P6	P ₈	P10	P12		
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		+			
0	0 0	0	0	0	0		
ì	56779	56787	56726	0	0		
ō		0	56736 0	56739	56728		
1	-18000	-18067	-18115	0 -18117	0		
S	4418	4575	4569	4572	-18117 4564		
0	0	, ,	0	4)[2	4964		
1	-4336	-4315	-4440	-4424	-4412		
2	1749	2042	2041	2073	2073		
3	-544	- 551	- 525	-510	- 520		
0	0	0	0	0	0		
1	1036	922	82 9	804	802		
3	-2889	- 2230	-2248	-2236	-2234		
	-1324	-1 375	-1428	-1429	-1426		
4	-1 876	- 1942	-1948	-1949	-19 52		
0		0	0	0	0		
1		32	-1 57	-123	-43		
2 3 4		792	790	858	857		
J.		-36 -1014	124	187	148		
5		580	- 923 562	-919	-913		
ó		0	0	565 0	562		
1		-1 53	-299	- 353	-362		
1 2 3		1320	1288	1314	1353		
3		-1 82	- 354	-357	-340		
4		-430	-489	-495	-504		
5		114	186	177	179		
6		- 451	- 456	-455	-455		
0			0	0	0		
1			- 256	-202	-32		
2 3 4			-3 426	114	112		
3			426 V-0	559	469		
5			408	426	7175		
5			-1 39	-104	-124		
7			-69 -344	-57	- 60		
o			-344 0	- 338	-337		
1			- 197	0 - 282	0		
2			- 50	-202 -5	-301 91		
1 2 3			-348	- 353	-317		
4			-200	-217	- 237		

Table 2(d)cont'd

Γ	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coefficients, h m (Units of 10-6 cgs)						
n, m	P.4	P6	P8	P10	P <mark>1</mark> 2		
8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9,			384 -45 -180 -153	325 -33 -177 -155 0 74 175 241 46 150 69 58 -112 -246 0 -112 67 -8 -36 -177 59 20 -19 -109 -111	30 -178 -176 0 32 179 788 374 -100 0 -140 0 -140 -257 -164 91 -29 -109 0 -156 -156 -156 -156 -156 -156 -156 -156		

Table 3(a) Spherical-Harmonic Analysis of the Geomagnetic Field for 1955, U.S.S.R. World Charts. Mean values of \underline{X} and \underline{Y} , for series terminating with indicated values in $P_{\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{m}}$.

Gaussian (Schmidt) Coefficients, g _n (Units of 10 ⁻⁶ cgs)						
P4	P6	P8	P ¹⁰	P <mark>12</mark>		
0 -304078 -28474 -14495 29756 15913 13593 -20413 11843 9222 9127 7626 5326 -2499 3427	0 -305135 -20227 -14138 29877 16781 11250 -17440 12450 8093 9690 7818 5723 -3574 3248 -3255 3259 1626 -899 -1423 -581 725 837 342 -2623 -312 139 -864	0 -304975 -21230 -14150 29909 16814 11571 -17793 12425 8554 9668 7875 5726 -3625 3404 -2795 3044 1596 -6666 -1621 -882 691 907 345 -2688 -225 176 -1114 609 -773 296 134 -413 -297	0 -304965 -20832 -14154 29926 16329 11609 -17641 12472 8207 9629 7904 5497 -3641 3395 -2715 3148 1666 -845 -1601 -674 609 947 185 -2710 -228 135 -1050 732 -687 389 10 -385 -176 258 153	0 -304973 -21195 -14154 29935 15898 11618 -17776 12485 8236 9624 7916 5298 -3656 3641 -2664 3052 1688 -829 -1607 -872 592 966 46 -2731 -90 117 -1109 839 -768 421 21 -393 -287 262 210 -205		
	P ₄ 0 -304078 -28474 -14495 29756 15913 13593 -20413 11843 9222 9127 7626 5326 -2499	0 0 0 0 -304078 -305135 -28474 -20227 -14495 -14138 29756 29877 15913 16781 11250 -20413 -17440 11843 12450 9222 8093 9127 9690 7626 7818 5326 5723 -2499 -3574 3248 -3255 3259 1626 -899 -1423 -581 725 837 342 -2623 -312 139	Pull P6 P8 0 0 0 -304078 -305135 -304975 -28474 -20227 -21230 -14495 -14138 -14150 29756 29877 29909 15913 16781 16814 13593 11250 11571 -20413 -17440 -17793 11843 12450 12425 9222 8093 8554 9127 9690 9668 7626 7818 7875 5326 5723 5726 -2499 -3574 -3625 3427 3248 3404 -3255 -2795 3044 1626 1596 -899 -666 -1423 -1621 -581 -882 725 691 837 907 342 345 -2623 -2688 -312 -225	P¼ P6 P8 P10 0 0 0 0 -304078 -305135 -304975 -304965 -28474 -20227 -21230 -20832 -14495 -14138 -14150 -14154 29776 29877 29909 29926 15913 16781 16814 16329 13593 11250 11571 11609 -20413 -17440 -17793 -17641 11843 12450 12425 12472 9222 8093 8554 8207 9127 9690 9668 9629 7626 7818 7875 7904 5326 5723 5726 5497 -2499 -3574 -3625 -3641 3427 3248 3404 3395 3427 3248 3404 3395 -3255 -2795 -2715 3259 3044 3148		

Table 3(a) cont'd

	Gaussian (S	chmidt) Coeff	icients, g m (Ur	nits of 10 ⁻⁶ ce	gs)
n, m	P4	₽ ⁶		P10	P12
8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9,			122 -212 102 213	73 -174 32 163 164 88 277 -156 89 167 -79 -14 13 -66 -166 7 -23 25 -29 85 -116 -54 55 2	50 -209 22 325 14 320 -147 -158 -158 -158 -158 -158 -158 -158 -158

Table 3(b) Spherical-Harmonic Analysis of the Geomagnetic Field for 1955, U.S.S.R. World Charts. Mean values of \underline{X} and \underline{Y} , for series terminating with indicated values in \underline{P}_{n}^{m} .

	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coeff	icients, h ^m (U	mits of 10 ⁻⁶	gs)
n, m	P.4	P6	P8	P10	P12
00101201230123401234501234560123456701234	0 0 58167 0 -18709 1559 0 -5709 2087 -225 0 1081 -4167 -421 -1343	0 0 58378 0 -18693 3772 0 -5606 2630 -816 0 1135 -3126 -475 -1310 0 1005 1239 -428 -1412 766 0 -735 1387 -84 12 -142 -335	0 0 58173 0 -18739 3817 0 -5684 2611 -459 0 1063 -3104 -440 -1322 0 950 1209 -244 -1446 955 0 -838 1402 -34 -102 -177 0 -21 -170 178 -122 182 10 -280 0 -396 43 137 -38	0 0 58498 0 -18745 3634 0 -5582 2614 148 0 1052 -3201 -425 -1332 0 1008 1214 59 -1401 1031 0 -857 1330 -14 -85 -208 0 21 -163 381 -63 226 -317 0 -426 -164 -47	0 0 58753 0 -18754 3643 0 -5488 2641 23 0 1037 -3201 -400 -1116 0 1075 1256 -8 -1375 1020 0 -880 1326 25 117 -118 -232 0 78 -107 334 -29 219 115 -315 0 -458 -20 216 41

Table 3(b) cont'd

G	aussian (Sc	hmidt) Coeffic	cients, h ^m (Unit	s of 10 cgs)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	P4	P ₆	P8	P10	P12
			104	123	8
			140	120	10
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			-81	-148	-16
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Table 3(c) Spherical-Harmonic Analysis of the Geomagnetic Field for 1955, U.S.S.R. World Charts. Mean values of $\frac{Z}{n}$, for series terminating with indicated values in P_n^m .

	Gaussian (S	Schmidt) Coeff	lcients, g ^m (Un	its of 10 ⁻⁶ eg	s)
n, m	P 14	P ₆	P ₈	P ¹⁰	P12 12
00101201230123401234501234560123456701234	1196 -301699 -22973 -15459 29565 16357 13345 -20485 11724 8849 9651 7185 5476 -3204 3283	1772 -304698 -22099 -14476 29863 16431 9886 -18114 12225 8747 10841 7699 5784 -3876 3226 -3761 3472 1355 -546 -1204 -1016 1380 685 616 -2427 -376 358 -723	1733 -304281 -22126 -14572 29822 16434 10494 -18180 12190 87699 10693 7621 5793 -3888 3225 -2969 3372 -409 -1293 -1058 1194 562 633 -2466 -382 378 -725 905 -137 364 -400 -325 195 298 -213 -166 26 -79 -22	1751 -304319 -22117 -14530 29817 16433 10420 -18138 12213 8755 10756 7564 5788 -3898 3220 -3074 3463 1320 -462 -1280 -1060 1281 438 622 -2489 -410 386 -725 774 8 -51 250 -343 -346 190 301 -106 -362 -9 -123 -92	1740 -304288 -22117 -14546 29817 16434 10459 -18138 12211 8754 10739 7568 -3894 3222 -3019 3466 1295 -467 -1278 -1058 1259 460 -725 -402 -7465 -386 -386 -725 -386 -389 -337 -332 -136 -374 -74

Table 3(c)cont'd

	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coeff	icients, g ^m (U	nits of 10 ⁻⁶ ce	gs)
n, m	P4	P ₆	P ₈	P ¹⁰	P ₁₂
8,8,8,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,9,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,			110 -16 10 182	166 -25 -1 176 -148 194 129 -207 142 -30 36 -149 122 -259 -26 -73 -149 168 -45 -76 -76 -73 -19	164 -14 -20 -159 -20 -154 -148 -148 -148 -148 -149 -149 -149 -149 -149 -149 -149 -149

Table 3(d) Spherical-Harmonic Analysis of the Geomagnetic Field for 1955, U.S.S.R. World Charts. Mean values of \mathbb{Z} , for series terminating with indicated values in \mathbb{P}^m .

	Gaussian (Schmidt) Coeff	icients, h m (t	Juits of 10 ⁻⁶	cgs)
, m	P 4	P6	P ₈	P10	P12
0010120123401234501234560123456701234	0 57984 0 -18287 3315 0 -5236 2179 -1333 0 1525 -3749 -846 -1608	0 58093 0 -18511 3473 0 -4940 2543 -1337 -3086 -857 -1630 0 434 982 -20 -1511 1104 0 -516 1327 -38 -146 -81 -432	0 0 0 58174 0 -18590 3445 0 -18590 3445 0 -2553 -1331 0 986 -3176 -914 -1631 0 735 1006 21 -1522 1113 0 -756 1166 -224 -154 -30 -423 0 408 38 109 -48 73 -149 -554 0 -323 -250 -377 -29	0 0 58170	0 0 58164 0 -18593 3455 0 -4752 2522 -1329 938 -3139 -897 -1632 0 740 926 28 -1511 1112 0 869 1244 -189 -156 -26 -422 0 442 -110 120 -16 73 -16 73 -16 -547 0 -510 -125 -312 -31

Table 3(d)cont'd

Gaussian (Schmidt) Coeff	icients, h ^m (Un	its of 10 ⁻⁶ cgs)	
P14	₽ ⁶	P8	P ₁₀	P12
		270 78 -55 -57	270 91 -51 -52 0 -88 -160 154 23 76 196 80 -74 81 0 -192 214 140 49 0 65 27 56 -261 35	279 -51 -52 -52 -52 -53 -76 -76 -76 -76 -76 -76 -76 -76

Table 4

Weighted rms Error E in Units of 10^{-2} cgs in the Fit of Tabular Values at $10^{\rm O}$ Intervals of Colatitude and Longitude; U.S. and U.S.S.R. Charts for 1955 for Spherical-Harmonic Series Terminating in Degree 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 for (a) U.S. Charts and (b) U.S.S.R. Charts

		Co	omponent of Fie	ld	
De	gree	<u>x</u>	<u>Y</u> _	<u>Z</u>	Mean
4	(a)	0.223	0.222	0.324	0.256
	(b)	0.241	0.295	0.318	0.285
6	(a)	0.108	0.116	0.107	0.110
	(b)	0.151	0.226	0.186	0.188
8	(a)	0.098	0.092	0.071	0.087
	(b)	0.134	0.220	0.148	0.167
10	(a)	0.091	0.097	0.058	0.082
	(b)	0.132	0.223	0.129	0.161
12	(a)	0.087	0.093	0.054	0.078
	(b)	0.131	0.226	0.101	0.153

Table 5 Values of Eqs. (16) and (18) for $\Delta\theta$ = .04 and x_0 = 0

z _o - 1	(16)	(18)
.1	5.02655	4.44741
.2	.62832	.60657
.3	.18617	.18300
.4	.07854	.07772
.5	.04021	.03992
.6	.02327	.02315
.7	.01465	.01459
.8	.00982	.00978
.9	.00690	.00688
1.0	.00503	.00501

Table 6 Values of $\int \frac{ds}{s^3}$ for Various Heights Above the Sphere

z _o - 1	Value	Center	Error %	Off Center	Error %
10.	.00952	.00948	.4	.00948	.4
1.	2.09440	2.10289	4	2.10312	4
.1	54.39988	54.02121	. 7	53.99732	.7
.01	619.00356	626.65094	-1.2	705.91803	-14.
.001	6273.85754	6287.95575	2	8299.55323	-32.

Table 7 Position Coordinates Estimated by Three Methods Field Line Starts at $40^{\circ}N$, $90^{\circ}E$; h = 0.1 Earth Radius

	Sphe	R-368 Spherical Harmonics	nics	Τw	MIXED Two-part Integral	ral	900	EQ. (15) One-part Integral	gra1
Arc	×	y	2	×	у	2	×	'n	2
0.0	8426	0.	.7071	8426	0.	.7071	8426	.0	.7071
0.1	9423	.0019	.7143	9423	.0025	.7146	9423	.0025	.7146
0.2	-1.0420	.0033	. 7084	-1.0420	9700.	. 7090	-1.0420	.0046	.7090
0.3	-1.1400	.0042	.6890	-1.1400	.0064	.6895	-1.1400	7900.	.6895
7.0	-1.2342	.0045	.6555	-1.2340	9200.	.6556	-1.2340	9200.	.6557
0.5	-1.3219	.0043	.6078	-1.3213	.0083	.6071	-1.3213	.0083	.6072
9.0	-1.4005	.0034	.5462	-1.3990	.0082	. 5444	-1.3991	.0083	. 5446
0.7	-1.4668	.0019	.4715	-1.4639	.0075	.4685	-1.4641	9200.	.4687
8.0	-1.5179	0003	.3857	-1.5130	.0059	.3816	-1.5133	.0062	.3819
6.0	-1.5510	0032	.2916	-1.5439	.0037	, 2867	-1.5443	.0040	.2870
1.0	-1.5645	0066	.1928	-1.5551	.0007	.1876	-1.5556	.0011	.1878
1.1	-1.5579	0106	.0932	-1.5465	0028	.0881	-1.5472	0024	.0884
1.2	-1.5320	0149	0031	-1.5191	0067	0078	-1.5199	0063	0075
1.3	-1.4886	0194	0929	-1.4747	0110	0971	-1.4756	0106	6960
1.4	-1.4303	0241	1738	-1.4156	0155	1776	-1.4166	0151	1774
1.5	-1.3595	0288	2442	-1.3444	0202	2474	-1.3454	0197	2473
1.6	-1.2788	0336	3029	-1.2634	0249	3057	-1.2644	0245	3057
1.7	-1.1906	0384	3496	-1.1749	0298	3518	-1.1760	1294	3519
1.8	-1.0969	0432	3841	-1.0809	0349	3855	-1.0820	0345	3856
1.9	9666	0482	4063	9834	0404	4067	9845	0400	4068

Components of Geomagnetic Field Estimated by Three Methods Field Line Starts at 40° N, 90° E; h = 0.1 Earth Radius

	hq S	R-368 Spherical Harmonics	onics	Ţ	MIXED Two-part Integral	gra1	uO	EQ. (15) One-part Integral	egral
Arc	×	Y	Z	X	Y	Z	×	X	2
0.0	39385	.00878	.05391	35624	.00954	.04971	37970	.01015	.05300
0.1	30261	.00501	.00238	27422	.00639	.00296	29260	.00682	.00317
0.2	23478	.00270	02974	21290	.00421	02668	22745	.00448	02850
0.3	18300	.00117	05014	16595	.00258	02859	17752	.00277	04897
7.0	14248	60000	06330	12916	.00134	05836	13832	.00148	06245
0.5	10995	00072	07196	09961	.00038	06681	10675	.00047	07155
9.0	08311	00137	07784	07513	00043	07279	08060	00036	07793
0.7	06025	00191	08205	05421	00105	07724	05821	00108	08267
8.0	04004	00241	08532	03562	00167	08078	03825	00173	08650
6.0	02132	00289	08815	01826	00224	08393	01961	00235	08987
1.0	00310	00339	09082	00113	00280	08690	00128	00297	09305
1.1	.01565	00393	09349	.01669	00344	08987	.01774	00364	09616
1.2	.03596	00456	09615	.03612	00413	09267	.03851	00439	09918
1.3	.05905	00532	09865	.05832	00494	09529	.06223	00527	10193
1.4	.08635	00626	10068	.08467	00593	09730	.09037	00634	10406
1.5	.11974	00746	10168	.11704	00719	09821	.12484	00770	10494
1.6	.16180	00908	10070	.15790	00891	96960	.16824	00955	10351
1.7	.21619	01135	09616	.21067	01140	09189	.22420	01221	09798
1.8	. 28836	01470	08535	.28034	01529	08005	.29796	01637	08528
1.9	.38679	01997	06352	.37388	02195	05645	.39510	02335	06005
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